



PARISH OFFICE : 302 High St Maitland
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ST JOSEPH'S (Est 1835), Cnr King St &
New England Hwy, East Maitland
Vigil 5.00pm; Sunday 8.30am
Youth Mass 6.00pm

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST (Est 1841)
Maitland

SACRED HEART, New England Hwy,
Campbell's Hill **Vigil 6.30pm**

HOLY FAMILY, 11 John St, Largs
Sunday 8.00am.

ST COLUMBA'S, Cnr Prince & Church
Sts, Paterson - **Sunday 9.30am**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Est 1871)
Cnr George & James Sts, Morpeth
Sunday 7.15am.

ST PATRICK'S (Est 1905),
55 New England Hwy, Lochinvar
Sunday 9.30am.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES (Est 1947), Cnr
Anderson Dr & Delprat Ave, Beresfield
Vigil 6.00pm.

ST PAUL'S (Est 1961), 10 Young St,
Rutherford - **Sunday 8.00am.**

Ministers

All baptised members of the
community

Ministry Team

Parish Priest: Fr George Anthicad

Asst Priests:

Fr Priyantha Fernando,

Fr Anil Kuchipudi

Fr Anthony Coloma

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Regional Office

Janine Sidoti, Sandra Buck

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Funeral Ministry:

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Safeguarding Promotors

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We are in the country of the Worimi,
Gamilaroi, Wonnarua, Gweagul, Darkinjung,
Biripi and Awabakal peoples. We respectfully
acknowledge their Elders, celebrate their
continuing culture and the living memory of
their ancestors.



First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be
found,

call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will
take pity on him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your

thoughts,

my ways not your ways – it is the
Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above
earth

as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call
him.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Philippians

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body,
whether by my life or by my death. Life
to me, of course, is Christ, but then
death would bring me something
more; but then again, if living in this
body means doing work which is
having good results – I do not know
what I should choose. I am caught in
this dilemma: I want to be gone and be
with Christ, which would be very much
the better, but for me to stay alive in
this body is a more urgent need for
your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives
that would be unworthy of the gospel
of Christ.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

*Why are you jealous because I am
generous?*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom
of heaven is like a landowner going out
at daybreak to hire workers for his
vineyard. He made an agreement with
the workers for one denarius a day, and
sent them to his vineyard. Going out at
about the third hour he saw others
standing idle in the market place and
said to them, "You go to my vineyard too
and I will give you a fair wage." So they
went. At about the sixth hour and again
at about the ninth hour, he went out and
did the same. Then at about the eleventh
hour he went out and found more men
standing round, and he said to them,
"Why have you been standing here idle
all day?" "Because no one has hired us"
they answered. He said to them, "You go
into my vineyard too." In the evening, the
owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff,
"Call the workers and pay them their
wages, starting with the last arrivals and
ending with the first." So those who were
hired at about the eleventh hour came
forward and received one denarius
each. When the first came, they
expected to get more, but they too
received one denarius each. They took
it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The
men who came last" they said "have
done only one hour, and you have
treated them the same as us, though we
have done a heavy day's work in all the
heat." He answered one of them and
said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to
you; did we not agree on one denarius?
Take your earnings and go. I choose to
pay the last-comer as much as I pay you.
Have I no right to do what I like with my
own? Why be envious because I am
generous?" Thus the last will be first,
and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, (*all bow*)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We pray those who have recently died

Anna Bogacz, Joan Keys (Pindimar)

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Gwen Cerveny, Teagan Christiansen, Brett Christiansen, Grace Hill, Mary Rampling, Matthew Saunders,
Fr Lin Wholohan

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Lorraine Bartlett, Ronald Bartlett, June Carlson, Mary Coombes, Karen Kenyon, Solomon Keys,
Lesley Marshall, John O'Reilly, Joan O'Reilly, Jen Phillips, Margaret Pratt, James (Jim) Smith,
Anne Standing, Marc-Zachariah Vicente, Pauline Wade, Carla Whiting, Paul Anthony Will, Jo Winkler

We pray for those who will be Baptised

Levi Samuel Joshua, Kade Bradley McIntosh, Audrey Louise Stedman, Charlotte Grace Stedman

Names will remain on the sick list for six weeks only. Please contact the office if you wish to add a name to the list.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

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Parish Update – Presbytery Arrangements

As part of the implementation of the outcomes of the recent parish assemblies, the parish teams at each of our Mass centres are working together to prepare the presbyteries for the incoming priests.

At **Beresfield**, the rental agreement for the presbytery has been cancelled, and we are currently waiting for the tenant to vacate the property. Once vacant, the necessary preparations can proceed.

At **Rutherford**, we are engaging with the Diocese regarding arrangements for the presbytery to be vacated and made ready for the incoming priest.

At **East Maitland**, the presbytery requires major repair and maintenance works. We are currently looking into the necessary works and possible arrangements, with the assistance and support of parishioners.

I am grateful to the parish teams and to all those who are assisting with these practical arrangements. These preparations are an important part of implementing the outcomes of the parish assemblies and ensuring that suitable accommodation is ready for the incoming priests.

If you have any suggestions or feedback regarding these arrangements, please feel free to contact your respective Parish Team or the Parish Office.

Annual Leave

I would also like to let parishioners know that I will be on annual leave from 27 October to 27 November 2026. I will return to the parish on 28 November.

Fr George Anthicad PP

Welcome to all those who have joined us for the Regional HSC Mass

A prayer for our year 12 graduates

Lord, as these children of Yours step into what lies ahead, may You light the way before them.

Father, give them **courage** when they doubt themselves, **peace** when they feel overwhelmed and **strength** when the path is difficult.

Jesus, help them trust that You walk beside them.

Spirit, give them **wisdom** to recognise Your still, small voice and the courage to follow Your call, always using their gifts in the service of others.

In the years ahead, may they continue to follow Your light and through the way they live, help to light the way for others.

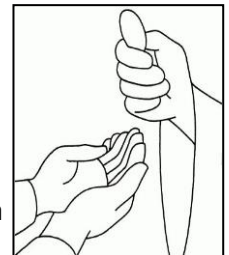
Receiving Holy Communion with Reverence

Dear Parishioners,

As the children are currently preparing to receive the Sacraments, I would like to take this opportunity to offer a gentle reminder to all, so that we may give them a good example through our reverence and practice.

Please observe the following guidelines while receiving Holy Communion:

1. You may receive Holy Communion either in the hand or on the tongue.
If receiving in the hand, please place one hand over the other, forming a throne, and consume the Host immediately in front of the minister.
2. The Sacred Host must be consumed at once. Please do not walk away holding the Host.
3. Only those who have received their First Holy Communion may receive communion during mass. **If an adult or a child has not yet received the First Holy Communion, they may come forward for a blessing with arms crossed over the chest.**
4. The Sacred Host must never be shared with others, including children. If your child received First Holy Communion, please do not give them the Sacred Host.



I request our practising parishioners to kindly assist others in receiving Holy Communion with reverence.

Fr George Anthicad



Parish Notices

Changes to Eucharistic Adoration

As of this week, Adoration at St. Joseph's, East Maitland will now take place immediately after the 7.00am morning mass from **7.30 – 8.30am** on Thursday and Friday.

Vocations Ministry Turning Dreams into Action

Would you like to play a part in actively encouraging and supporting vocations? You are invited to a meeting to consider establishing a Serra Club in our Diocese. Serra International is a world 'wide organisation, affirmed by the Holy See, which is committed to vocations ministry.

When: **Thursday, 24 September at 7.00pm**

Where: **St Mary of the Cross Parish Hub, Charlestown.** For more information contact:

Fr Anthony Potts 0466 140 066

tony.potts@mn.catholic.org.au

The **Visitation Ministry** is seeking interest from our Parishioners to join this wonderful group who go to homes of lonely people just to spend sometime with them and let them know someone cares about them. For more information phone parish office 49338918.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

For information on all events throughout the Diocese, please visit

[Events - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.](#)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE on 24 September 2026

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, 24 September 2026. The parish office staff apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Ken Meyn

For approximately 18 years, Ken Meyn has generously and faithfully volunteered his time to care for the gardens at St Joseph's Church, the Presbytery and the Therry Centre. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Ken for his many years of dedicated service. His quiet generosity and commitment have helped to keep our parish grounds beautiful and welcoming for our parishioners and visitors. Through this service, Ken has made a wonderful contribution to the life of our parish and to the people of God.

Ken will be concluding this ministry on Saturday, 31 October. We thank him wholeheartedly for all that he has done and wish him every blessing and happiness.

Could you help continue Ken's wonderful service? We would be very grateful if any parishioner who is willing and able to volunteer to care for the gardens at St Joseph's Church, the Presbytery and the Therry Centre would contact the parish office. We would love to see this wonderful tradition of service continue.

Regards,

FR GEORGE ANTHICAD

Piety Stall The piety stall will be open at all masses at St Joseph's this weekend.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 21st September (St Matthew)

Tuesday 22nd September

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 23rd September (St Pius of Pietrelcina – optional)

6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 24th September

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 25th September

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Saturday 26th September (St Cosmas and St Damian – optional)

8.00am Mass and reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sunday 27th September

9.30am Latin Mass - St John the Baptist Oratory Cathedral St Maitland.

Confessions Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Sunday 8.45am – 9:25am

First Sunday of Month Polish Mass

9.00am St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St, Maitland)

PRIVATE PRAYER/ ADORATION/ ROSARY

Mon 21st September

9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 22nd September

9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Bible Sharing, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 23rd September

9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 24th September

7.30-8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph's East Maitland

Fri 25th September

7.30 – 8.30am Adoration, St. Joseph's East Maitland

9.30am Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 26th September

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield